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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Conversation with Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee

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1. Late in the evening, [ ] advised me of a telephone call he had received from Jim Kronfeld, House Government Operations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information staff, regarding imminent changes in several subcommittees. I called Chairman Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee, House Armed Services Committee, at his home to inform him of these developments and our thoughts of having an informal get together between the Director and Chairman William Moorhead to clear up any misunderstandings regarding information given the Subcommittee and its staff in connection with the Right of Privacy amendments last year.

2. The Chairman said he had seen Mr. Moorhead today and his position was "pretty solid." He said Moorhead is concerned about the Privacy Act but he has no desire to open up the Agency to its provisions. He is groping, however, for a rationalization of the 10,000 files the press is reporting we are keeping on American citizens. Mr. Nedzi thought it would be a good idea for us to contact Mr. Moorhead and in fact he had told Mr. Moorhead today he would have us do just that.

3. With respect to the jurisdictional areas to be covered by the new Subcommittee on National Security (under Chairman Brooks) and the Government Information and Individual Rights Subcommittee (under the chairmanship of Ms. Abzug), Mr. Nedzi said he would talk to Representative Brooks with a view to suggesting that he assert the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee over all intelligence type information (presumably this would cover Restricted Data, COMINT and intelligence sources and methods). The Chairman said he was optimistic enough to feel that most of the people

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concerned would not view the recent developments as they effected the Privacy Act with serious alarm. He also mentioned he had received a dissertation by Robin Schwartzman, of New York University Center for International Studies. He said this treatise takes a different tack regarding congressional oversight of the budget. It is premised on the fact that Congress cannot get at the Agency budget and, therefore, concludes the Agency is operating out of control.

4. Following my conversation with Mr. Nedzi, I telephoned the Director at his home to brief him on these developments. He said he would place a call to Chairman Moorhead tomorrow morning and suggest that they get together either on the Hill or at the Agency for breakfast.



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25X1 1. [redacted] Received a call from Pat Clifford who works for Rowland Evans and Robert Novak of the Washington Post who wanted to know what committees the Director has briefed regarding the allegations of CIA involvement in domestic intelligence activities. After checking I told Miss Clifford the Director had briefed the Subcommittee on Intelligence of Senate Appropriations Committee on 15 January and the CIA Subcommittee of Senate Armed Services Committee on 16 January. She thanked me for the information.

25X1 2. [redacted] Received a call late in the evening from Jim Kronfeld, Staff Counsel, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations and Government Information, House Government Operations Committee. He was alerting me as to a restructuring of the Subcommittee which was chaired by Representative William S. Moorhead (D., Pa.) in the 93rd Congress and which considered the Freedom of Information Act amendments and the Privacy Act. See Memorandum for the Record.

25X1 3. [redacted] Called Jim Davidson, Counsel, Senate Government Operations Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, and inquired as to whether he had a copy of the resolution which the Senate caucus passed to establish a Senate select committee to investigate the intelligence agencies. He said he had a copy, but releasability had not yet been cleared. He gave me a general rundown indicating that the Committee would inquire into the Hersh and other allegations against CIA appearing in the press, and into all intelligence agencies including the counterintelligence program of the FBI. He added it is still not clear if the select committee will undertake the study of establishing a Joint Committee on Intelligence which the Muskie Subcommittee of Senate Government Operations Committee has announced and the hearings they plan to hold are still on.

25X1 4. [redacted] Norvill Jones, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, called to ask for help in spelling the name of a county he visited on his recent trip to the People's Republic of China with Senator Mike Mansfield (D., Mont.). After checking with [redacted] Congressional Support Officer, OCI, I advised Jones' secretary that the correct spelling was Hui Hsien. I also asked her if she would relay to Jones that our people who briefed him before his departure would appreciate getting his impression from the trip.

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